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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B
AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Applicants hereby submits this Preliminary Amendment B and Response to Restriction/Election Requirement, responsive to the Office Action—Date Mailed: April 21, 2005, Paper No. 1, for which a response is due May 21, 2005 by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire one [1] month from the mailing date of the Office Action. This response is hereby extended one [1] month by Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Claims 1-65 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-65 are subject to restriction and/or election. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 12-18, 20, 21, 24-31, 33-50, and 52- 57 are original. Claims 3, 5, 7, 8, 19, 22, 23, 32, 51 and 58-65 were previously amended. Claims 9 and 11 are currently amended.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Pascal for her telephone interview regarding the present application on May 24, 2005; detailed in the Remarks section of this Response.

By this Response to Restriction/Election requirement, Applicants elect with traverse Species VIII which corresponds to Figure 14. The claims that read on this embodiment are

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Claims 1-65. Applicants' further elections are detailed in the Remarks section of this Response. Applicants respectfully submit that any and all restrictions, objections and rejections are hereby traversed and overcome, and the application is in proper form for allowance. A Notice of Allowance or Allowability is respectfully requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166. An additional fee for a one-month extension of time for response is due and is hereby paid via Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166.

No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.